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| Applicant | : | Kurt Hausmann | | |
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| Customer No. | : | 23364 | | |

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of July 23, 2008, in connection with the above identified application.

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application, namely, the invention defined in claims 23 - 30 directed to a process for producing a clean liquid from an untreated or crude liquid (Group I), and claims 31 - 44 directed to a device for producing a clean liquid from a crude liquid (Group II) .

Applicants elect the Group I claims which includes claims 23 - 30, with traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims at a later time, if this restriction requirement is made final.

It should be noted that a corresponding PCT application has been filed and unity of invention was not questioned. In addition, a corresponding national phase application was also filed in Europe, Russia and China, and in these countries an election was not required. The standard is similar, if not identical, in these other countries, so that one would expect a restriction requirement to have been made in at least one of these other countries. In fact, no such requirement was requested.

In view of the election of the Group I claims, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested for all claims 23 - 44.



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